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To: Hospitals

Re: Valid Diagnosis Codes Required on Inpatient and Outpatient Hospital Claims

ForwardHealth has denied a number of inpatient and outpatient hospital claims with unspecified diagnosis codes. Providers are reminded that claims submitted on the UB-04 Claim Form will be monitored for the most specific *International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification* (ICD-9-CM) diagnosis codes for all diagnoses. Providers are required to submit the most specific diagnosis codes as these are the only valid Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) codes permitted. Claims submitted with three- or four-digit codes where four- and five-digit codes are available will be denied.

Please call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 if you have any questions.

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